

**3.1** Define  $\varphi|\psi = \neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi$ . (The Sheffer stroke.). Show that  $\neg$  and  $\wedge$  can be defined in terms of  $|$ .

$\neg\varphi$  is equivalent to  $\varphi|\varphi$ . Then  $\varphi \wedge \psi$  is equivalent to  $(\neg\varphi)|(\neg\psi)$ .

**3.2** A formula  $\varphi$  involving only  $S_0, \dots, S_m$  determines a function  $t_\varphi : {}^{m+1}2 \rightarrow 2$  defined by  $t_\varphi(x) = \varphi[x]$  for any  $x \in {}^{m+1}2$ . Show that any member of  $\bigcup_{0 < m < \omega} ({}^{m+1}2)$  can be obtained in this way.

Let  $0 < m < \omega$  and let  $f \in {}^{m+1}2$ . If  $f$  takes on only the value 0, then  $f = t_\varphi$  with  $\varphi$  the formula  $S_0 \wedge \neg S_0$ . Suppose that  $f$  has at least one value 1. Let  $M = \{x \in {}^{m+1}2 : f(x) = 1\}$ . Consider the following formula  $\varphi$ :

$$\bigvee_{x \in M} \bigwedge_{i < m} S_i^{x(i)}.$$

Note that for any  $x, y \in {}^{m+1}2$  we have  $\left(\bigwedge_{i < m} S_i^{x(i)}\right)[y] = 1$  iff  $x = y$ . It follows that  $\varphi[y] = 1$  iff  $y \in M$ . Hence  $t_\varphi = f$ .

**3.3** Show that the following formula is a tautology:

$$(\{[(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\neg\chi \rightarrow \neg\theta)] \rightarrow \chi\} \rightarrow \tau) \rightarrow [(\tau \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow (\theta \rightarrow \varphi)]$$

(This formula can be used as a single axiom in an axiomatic development of sentential logic.)

A truth table for this formula would involve 32 rows; we want to avoid that. We argue by contradiction. Suppose that  $f$  is an assignment which gives our formula the value 0; we want to get a contradiction. It follows that

$$(1) \quad (\{[(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\neg\chi \rightarrow \neg\theta)] \rightarrow \chi\} \rightarrow \tau)[f] = 1$$

and

$$[(\tau \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow (\theta \rightarrow \varphi)][f] = 0;$$

from this last condition we get

$$(2) \quad (\tau \rightarrow \varphi)[f] = 1$$

and

$$(\theta \rightarrow \varphi)[f] = 0,$$

and the last condition here yields

$$(3) \quad \theta[f] = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi[f] = 0.$$

Hence from (2) we get

$$\tau[f] = 0.$$

Then (1) yields

$$\{[(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\neg\chi \rightarrow \neg\theta)] \rightarrow \chi\}[f] = 0,$$

from which we obtain

$$(4) \quad [(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\neg\chi \rightarrow \neg\theta)][f] = 1$$

and

$$\chi[f] = 0,$$

which yields

$$(5) \quad (\neg\chi)[f] = 1.$$

But from (3) we get  $(\neg\theta)[f] = 0$ , and hence by (5),  $(\neg\chi \rightarrow \neg\theta)[f] = 0$ . So by (4) we have  $(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)[f] = 0$ , so that  $\varphi[f] = 1$  and  $\psi[f] = 0$ . This contradicts (3).